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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

The listed references were called to Applicants' attention in an Examination Report in counterpart British Patent Application No. GB 0015758.6, a copy of which is enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed documents. Copies of the listed references are enclosed, save for document WO 96/05061, which already is of record.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) follows.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

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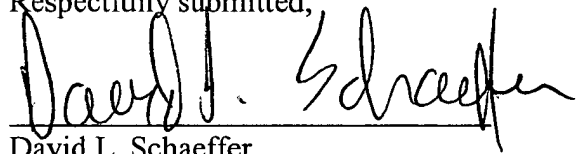
foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above information and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, which may now or hereafter be due in connection with the prosecution of this application, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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